

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Laurel, Kentucky

Number of farms

1,137 farms in 2002, 1,206 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

107,582 acres in 2002, 101,546 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

95 acres in 2002, 84 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$15,716,000 in 2002, \$15,019,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,874,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,842,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

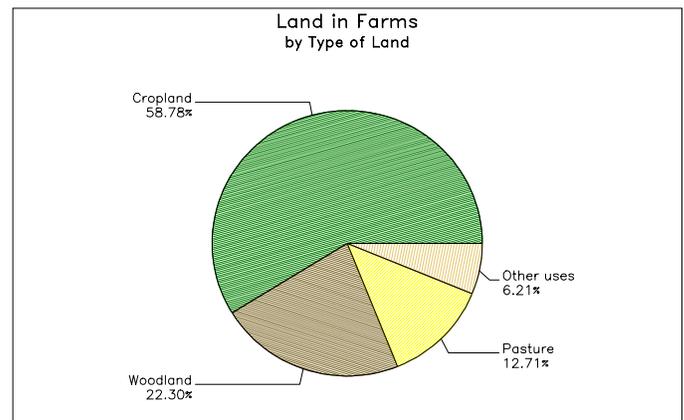
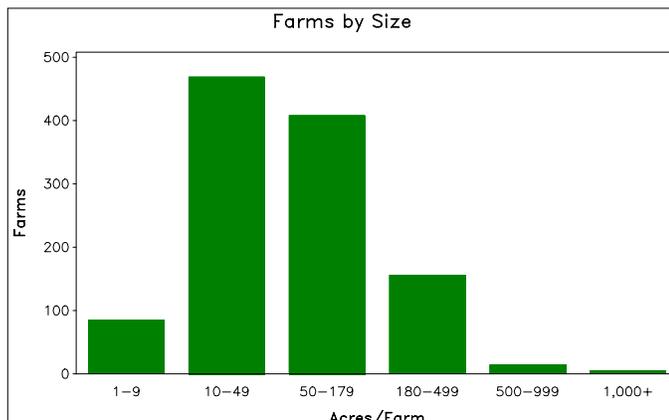
\$13,822 in 2002, \$12,454 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$216,000 in 2002, \$80,000 in 1997, up 170 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,812 in 2002, \$825 in 1997, up 120 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 120 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	15,716	65	120	2,249	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,874	59	120	1,897	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,842	61	120	1,974	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	109	87	117	2,363	2,871
Tobacco	3,758	46	114	127	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	56	68	111	1,988	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	112	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,100	12	106	777	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	835	34	120	1,426	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	70	115	2,210	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,125	39	120	1,362	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,259	41	106	1,248	2,493
Hogs and pigs	839	23	111	911	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	58	18	120	1,149	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	541	28	118	339	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	16	33	100	1,624	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	22,683	41	120	1,328	3,059
Hogs and pigs	3,041	27	112	1,019	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,332	36	119	911	3,065
All Goats	945	25	119	513	2,971
Sheep and lambs	389	25	108	1,604	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,558	36	120	811	3,059
Tobacco	1,176	43	114	117	563
Corn for grain	876	75	117	1,830	2,592
Corn for silage	861	35	106	1,170	2,307
Nursery stock	455	3	70	233	2,129

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	185	Farming	607
\$1,000 to \$2,499	281	Other	530
\$2,500 to \$4,999	209		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	172	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	137	Male	996
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Female	141
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	26	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	1,586
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,212	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	12,478	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,813	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	3,347	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

Laurel 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997

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	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Farms.....number..	1,137	1,206
Land in farms.....acres..	107,582	101,546
Average size of farm.....acres..	95	84
Median size of farm.....acres..	56	N/A
Estimated market value of land and buildings 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	239,290	166,397
Average per acre.....dollars..	2,305	2,213
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment 1/:		
Average per farm.....dollars..	27,052	21,103
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 acres..	85	114
10 to 49 acres..	469	485
50 to 179 acres..	408	466
180 to 499 acres..	156	125
500 to 999 acres..	14	11
1,000 acres or more..	5	5
Total cropland.....farms..		
1,093	1,093	1,156
acres..		
63,238	63,238	58,053
Harvested cropland.....farms..		
964	964	1,056
acres..		
30,858	30,858	23,052
Irrigated land.....farms..		
26	26	10
acres..		
33	33	18
Market value of agricultural products sold.\$1,000..		
15,716	15,716	15,019
Average per farm.....dollars..		
13,822	13,822	12,454
Crops (including nursery and greenhouse)...\$1,000..		
6,874	6,874	9,144
Livestock, poultry, and their products.....\$1,000..		
8,842	8,842	5,876
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming.....number..	607	414
Other.....number..	530	792
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any.....number..	613	728
200 days or more.....number..	457	543

1/ Data are based on a sample of farms.

Legend:

- Represents zero.
- (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- (NA) Not available or not published. Some historic data are not published because they are not comparable, electronic files are unavailable, or re-summarizing could compromise respondent confidentiality.
- (X) Not applicable
- (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

There is a significant difference in the measurements from the 1997 Census of Agriculture to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. For the first time, data for every county and state have been statistically adjusted to account for farms missed or misclassified in the census. For more information go to:
<http://www.usda.gov/nass/events/news/methodology.htm>

Laurel 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS: 2002 AND 1997
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	ALL FARMS	
	2002	1997
Livestock and poultry:		
Cattle and calves inventory.....farms..	582	664
number..	22,683	22,291
Beef cows.....farms..	513	560
number..	11,318	11,518
Milk cows.....farms..	34	28
number..	634	613
Cattle and calves sold.....farms..	479	621
number..	12,768	11,128
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms..	9	18
number..	3,041	1,116
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms..	16	9
number..	20,352	(D)
Sheep and lambs inventory.....farms..	20	10
number..	389	170
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory....farms..	14	24
number..	278	381
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold..farms..	1	-
number..	(D)	-
Selected crops harvested:		
Corn for grain.....farms..	53	96
acres..	876	1,217
bushels..	86,487	98,186
Winter wheat for grain.....farms..	4	(NA)
acres..	(D)	(NA)
bushels..	6,800	(NA)
Barley for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Sorghum for grain.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Soybeans for beans.....farms..	-	-
acres..	-	-
bushels..	-	-
Tobacco.....farms..	565	748
acres..	1,176	2,382
pounds..	2,089,329	4,307,036
Forage - land used for all hay and all haylage, grass silage, and greenchop.....farms..	715	(NA)
acres..	27,558	(NA)
tons, dry..	55,233	(NA)
Vegetables harvested for sale.....farms..	15	18
acres..	58	72
Land in orchards.....farms..	7	11
acres..	11	47

Source:

2002 Census of Agriculture, Volume 1 Geographic Area Series, Chapter 1 State Data and Chapter 2 - County Data. This presents summary statistics for Kentucky and each county with comparable data from the 1997 census. Data for 2002 and 1997 are directly comparable for acreage and inventories. Dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels.